



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:
MARIA S. BROWN ET AL.

: Examiner: **Irene Marx**

: Art Unit: **1651**

APPLICATION NO.: **09/834,098**

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TITLE: **STEREOSELECTIVE MICROBIAL
REDUCTION OF A RACEMIC TETRALONE**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed October 10, 2002 in the above-identified Application and having an original period for response of three months. A PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is being filed on even date herewith that respectfully requests that the term for response to the Examiner's Action in this Application, mailed on October 10, 2002, and having an original period for response of three months, which expired on January 10, 2003, be extended by three months, such that it includes and expires on April 10, 2003. In response to the Office Action of October 10, 2002, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended). A composition of matter prepared from a crude preparation of a microorganism, said microorganism selected from the group consisting of *Hansenula polymorpha* ATCC No. 26012, *Hansenula polymorpha* ATCC No. 74449, and such mutants thereof capable of accomplishing the stereoselective reduction of racemic 4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-3,4-dihydro-1(2H)-naphthalenone,

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